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Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: HB 4672 and HB 4673

Dear Representative Walsh:

I am writing on behalf of the Michigan Probate Judges Association (MPJA), regarding an upcoming hearing on the above-referenced bills.

The MPJA Executive Board recently reviewed these bills and voted unanimously to oppose both HB 4672 and HB 4673 for the reasons that they, in part, duplicate current law, restrict judicial discretion in determining pre-marital/marital/separate property, and impede a court's ability to fashion equitable property settlements.

If there are any opportunities to sit down to discuss the need for these bills and alternative approaches, MPJA would welcome the chance for input on these and other legislation of mutual interest. Your office can contact us through our lobbyist, Bill Kandler at 482-4044.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Hon. Kenneth Tacoma
President, MPJA

cc: William Kandler